

Friday 13th January 2023 St. Moninna's G.A.C. **Killeavy Club News** 

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# Killeavy central to St.Paul's historic win...

The bulletin today is jam-packed with news from around the club. This week saw St. Paul's High School lift a first ever Rannafast Cup; the return to training for our senior teams, a change in management for the senior men, the launch of our Dinner Dance tickets and the first meeting of the 2023 Killeavy Executive. Updates from all of this as well as other news can be found as always, below...

St. Paul's make history in College Football's A Grade competition



Killeavy were to the fore of this remarkable result with Conor and Oisin Bennett marshalling the backline while Fergal Boylan and Tiarnan Brown led the attacking lines from full forward and right half forward respectively. Patrick Crilly, Ben McKevitt and Julian Carr played their role in the dressing room and sidelines to make up a contingency of seven Killeavy players on the squad.

Bessbrook opened well with points from Gavin O'Rourke and Shea Loughran but were then caught napping in the fifth minute when McCartan's full forward was left free in sight of goal and the Monaghan forward buried the ball in the net.

Killeavy's Fergal Boylan had hard luck when he crashed a shot off the crossbar and things really looked to be going against Bessbrook when one of Killeavy's other players, Conor Bennett picked up a black card on 28 minutes. By the time he returned in the second half, St Paul's had lost the lead.

Prior to the winning goal St Paul's looked as if they were going to rue several scoring chances that they had squandered when wind-assisted in the opening half. They went in on level terms at the break, 0-4 to 1-1, but should have been in a comfortable lead.

Fergal tagged on a score to get St. Paul's back into the game before the decisive goal arrived. St McCartan's goalkeeper Shane Clerkin could only punch a high ball in from David Crilly and Thomas Fox was perfectly positioned to nudge it over the line with his first touch. St Paul's were four up now, but it turned into a nervous finish for them when Conor Dunne picked up a second black card on 54 minutes. However time ran out on St McCartan's and St. Paul's had achieved yet another milestone victory in the school's history. Rannafast Cup Final: St Paul's 1-7 St McCartan's Monaghan 1-6

Pictured below: Killeavy's contingent of Ulster Champions [L-R] Patrick Crilly, Oisin Bennett, Fergal Boylan, Tiarnan Brown, Conor Bennett, Julian Carr & Ben Mc Kevitt



# Wayne steps down as Senior Manager

It is with some degree of disappointment that the club announce the departure of Senior Men's manager, Wayne Kierans for the 2023 season. Wayne had informed the club in November that he had been recruited for a new job in Dublin. Wayne, at that stage was confident the new role would not interfere with his managerial commitments with the club but recent developments since Christmas have meant a recalculation of Wayne's ability to commit to the club with many days now being expected out of the office, further down the country. Wayne has therefore stepped away from the Senior Football team and will not feature in this year's campaign.

The club have already started the process for his replacement and look forward to making an exciting announcement in the coming weeks. Head coach, Shane Bannon will continue in his role to prepare the team for the upcoming season and will work with strength and conditioning expert, Paul Talty over the weeks in preparation for a new manager. The club would like to thank Wayne for all that he achieved in 2022. He has left this squad of young players in a great position to compete for the highest honours in Armagh football.

Pictured below: Departing Senior manager, Wayne Kierans



# Killeavy GAA now on Instagram @killeavygaa

The PR Committee is pleased to announce that this week the club has arrived on Instagram as an added platform for club content and community engagement. The page will offer another cohort of our members an opportunity to interact with the club and ensure messaging and communications reach as broad an audience as possible. For those on the platform, make sure to follow the club's official page and tag us in any of your Killeavy GAA related content.



@KilleavvGAA

## **Dinner Dance tickets selling fast**

The Dinner Dance is due to take place in the Flagstaff Lodge on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> February with music now confirmed on the night. Also on the night will be the customary presentations of Players of the Year for all our Senior teams as well as the Club Person of the Year and another induction to our Club Hall of Fame.



TICKETS SOLD ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

#### Senior ladies and Senior camogs band together for pre-season

A six-week training block has been organised that will see our two senior women's teams train with each other to improve fitness and get ready for the new season. Over fifty girls showed up for the first night of training – a fantastic result so early in the season. If you're interested in joining either team (or both!) this season, reach out to Maeve for football +447856018072 or Tommy for Camogie +447801089010

Pictured below: The Senior ladies and camogie teams together to start preseason



#### Social club opening hours this weekend...



## Club Executive agree to CCTV meet for the first time in 2023

The club's Executive Committee met on Tuesday evening to discuss upcoming development plans around the club for the year ahead. A key issue discussed and brought to action point was the installation of closed-circuit cameras around the club in order to better monitor and protect club facilities. This follows concerns raised by members both on security of the club gym and of anti-social behaviour around club grounds. Agreement was made at the Executive meeting to invest in a new monitoring system that will cover the gym, club bar and general grounds. Other issues discussed included registration progress, the appointment of senior women and senior men management teams as well as revenue streams for 2023. Present at the meeting were; Chair – Maeve O' Neill

Vice Chair – Enda Boylan Sec – Brian McArdle Assistant Sec – Donal O' Neill Treasurer – Belinda Matthews Assistant Treasurer – Maria Coyle Registrar – Cliodhna McAteer H&W – Carmel Fearon PRO – Lisa McDonnell Children's officer – Fiona Owens Exec member – Collie Fearon

**Re-gen Waste Ltd invest in the local community with £2,500 donation** A huge thank you to Re-gen Waste Ltd for the generous donation of £2,500. This money will go a long way in developing key infrastructure and equipment for the future stars of our community *Pictured below: Maeve O'Neill Killeavy chairperson with Gareth McConville* &



## Lottery Results

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There was **NO** winner of this week's £2,600 jackpot winner The next draw will be streamed live at 8.00pm on Monday 16th January 2023

> Thank you to all for your continued support. There were **NO** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

#### Jackpot Next Week



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